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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: SAF/IAPX

SUBJECT: Guidance for Case Closure Notes in Letters of Offer and Acceptance (SAF/IAPX 03024)

References: (a) DSCA memorandum I-03/003215, 20 Mar 2003, Case Closure Notes in Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOAs) (DSCA Policy 03-08)

This memorandum will serve as a reissuance of previous Case Closure Notes policy guidance. The purpose of this memorandum is to simplify the note wording and to clarify when these notes should be used.

These notes are effective immediately and should be used on all LOAs. This policy is not retroactive--there is no need to do Modifications to revise previous case closure notes to existing cases.

However, if a country converts from one closure type to the other, the next routinely issued Amendment or Modification must include the note in order to indicate the revised closure timeframe.

Closure Type

Accelerated Case Closure - The programmed case closure date is 24 months after the date of projected final delivery.

Non-Accelerated Case Closure - The programmed case closure case closure date is 36 months after projected final delivery or completion of the underlying contract(s), as applicable, whichever occurs later.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Debra Wortham, SAF/IAPX, (703) 588-8983, DSN 425-8983, or email debra.wortham@pentagon.af.mil.

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SUBJECT: Case Closure Notes in Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOAs) (DSCA 03-08)

Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case closure is an important step in the FMS case life cycle. Communicating the anticipated case closure timeframe to the FMS customer in LOA notes is helpful in establishing that mindset. This memorandum establishes standard notes in all LOAs relating to the closure of an FMS case.

FMS cases are closed in one of two ways: Accelerated Case Closure Procedures (ACCP), and non-ACCP. DSCA policy memorandum 02-32 dated 4 October 2002 provided the current listing of ACCP and non-ACCP participants. The case closure categories lead to

fundamentally different approaches. Accordingly, the standard LOA notes depend on the purchaser's category.

Effective immediately, the following standard notes apply:

Closure Type	Note Title	Note Language
ACCP	Estimated Case Closure Date	The programmed case closure date is 24 months after the date of projected final delivery.
Non-ACCP	Estimated Case Closure Date	The programmed case closure date is 36 months after projected final delivery or completion of the underlying contract(s), as applicable, whichever occurs later.

This standard note is required on all basic LOA documents. It does not need to be replicated in subsequent LOA amendments or modifications. The only exception is if a country converts from one closure type to the other, in which case the next routinely issued amendment or modification must include the note in order to indicate the revised closure timeframe. In that regard, DSCA will continue to issue separate policy memoranda specifying closure type changes.

In order to minimize the manual effort associated with incorporating these mandatory notes, the MILDEPs are requested to establish standard notes into the respective Defense Security Assistance Management System (DSAMS) database. In the upcoming SAMM rewrite, DSCA will include the information provided in the table furnished above.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard. Request wide dissemination of this policy to officials responsible for preparing and developing FMS cases. Should you have any questions, the DSCA FMS case closure point of contact is Mr. David Rude, telephone (703) 604-6569, e-mail: David.rude@dscamail.



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